MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN : May I know what policy Government is now adopting ?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON : Encouraging and helping aided schools and opening new schools wherever there is a demand for them.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN : What is the difficulty that stands in the way of Government introducing compulsory primary education at present ?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON : Inadequacy of funds.

Sale of Toddy.

177 *MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Assembly has passed a resolution prohibiting sale of toddy after 6 P. M. and whether the Government have adopted the same ; and

(*b*) if so, whether the Government have taken any steps to enforce the same ?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN : (*a*) The Assembly has passed the resolution.

(*b*) The matter is under consideration.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN : May I know the date on which the resolution was passed ?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN : I claim notice.

Fare on the Trivandrum-Quilon line of the Transport Department.

178 *MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) when the fare on the Trivandrum-Quilon line of the Transport Department was increased ;

(*b*) by how much was the increase ; and

(*c*) what was the immediate necessity for such an increase ?

MR. K. SANKARAN : (*a*) and (*b*). The fare was not increased; but the concessional rate of Chs. 14 was stopped with effect from 15-11-1939 and the original rate of Chs. 21 was restored.

(*c*) The concession was stopped as the railway fare was increased and also as the cost of fuel, engine oil and spare parts went up on account of the war.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR : Sir, may I know the fare on the Trivandrum-Quilon line before the Government Transport Service was introduced ?

MR. K. SANKARAN : I think it was seven annas.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDHANAN NAIR : May I know whether the fare of 21 chakrams now introduced is not a great increase ?

MR. K. SANKARAN : Seven annas was fixed by the owner of a private service.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR : May I know whether the private owners were not making a profit when the fare was only seven annas ?

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